

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Minutes

May 12, 2013

Present: Kenny Foscue, Richard Lopresti, Nick Gill, James Fredericks, Caroline Dumont

April minutes approved

Kenny informed the group that Hugh Davis had suffered a bad knee injury this spring and unable to attend this meeting. We all expressed our condolences and hope his rehab is going well.

Kenny: Find solar-array photo poster. Last seen during sign-ups on Election Day. James will ask other project green students.

Municipal Action Plan: Approved by First Selectman Freda. Energize CT website now shows that Bright Ideas grant is available.

Benchmarking. No news from Sherri Borrelli if this has started. Will check with Sarah B if she has heard any news.

David Cooper plans to organize a time for us to tour the facilities at Gateway.

Legislative update from Richard: he had been in touch with Dave Yaccarino about pending energy bill.

- Zero-net metering issue to be addressed
- Will be moving forward with large hydropower from Canada

- Caroline raised question of whether there was significant loss from high voltage power lines when carried over large distances. Richard didn't think so, but each of them was going to research it.
- A comprehensive energy strategy will likely include increasing natural gas. Only 30% of CT residents on gas lines and state has intention to increase conversion from oil to gas.
- Wind: ECD focused on industries. Richard notes that he has worked with alternative energy companies and learned that CT only has two sites in northwest CT and Stonington that get enough wind to generate wind power efficiently.

Next meeting will be held Monday June 10th

Agenda includes having Amy Mclean Sall from UI come and speak with us about planning HES campaign in town, outreach and maybe combine with clean energy option. Richard also is able to speak on this topic and will be in touch with her. Kenny knew of someone in Madison who did this, and will check up on how it went.